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ABSTRACT

This overview of United States higher education is organized in two parts, respectively headed "The Nation" and "The States." The book opens with summary statistics followed by key data displayed in map form. A section on nine issues affecting colleges offers a table listing each college's standing on those issues. A section on students displays data on test scores, enrollment, and student characteristics. A section on faculty and staff offers information on salaries, attitudes and activities, recruiting, and characteristics. A section on institutional resources looks at endowments, voluntary support, financial trends, tuition and costs, and research-and-development spending. The last section in this part of the almanac presents information on institutions, including administrators' views on status, current challenges, and enrollment trends; holdings of the top research libraries; leading research universities; and selective liberal arts colleges. The second half of the book offers a profile of higher education in each state including demographics, political leadership, colleges and universities, faculty and student information, financial information and miscellaneous current issues. Sources for the book's data are provided, and also included is a table showing the distribution of enrollment by racial and ethnic groups for fall 1988 at over 3,100 colleges and a list of important events in higher education during the 1980s. (JB)

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